

SUMMER DAYS



SMART SPORTING FROCKS.

COSTUMES WORN BY FASHIONABLES WHEN OUT OF DOORS.

For Hunting, Climbing and Wheeling—Women Cyclers Have One Conventional Dress—Fair Dianus Wear Elaborate Shooting Toilets. But Never Stain Their White Blouses With Innocent Blood.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Just at this moment out-of-town fashionables are dividing their time between the frivolities of high dress and the wearing of the comfortable costumes that now accompany all the sports and pleasures allowed fair women.

At Narragansett the cool morning hours are given up to cycling, the rage for which seems to be on the increase in fashionland and incidentally, of course, there are delightful creations in the way of wheel frocks.

These, since the hottest weather set in, are of cool, wash materials, brown holland and linen, and for real sport, and for dress up moments, pique, silk and linen in white and delicate tones.

As to the proper model for the bicycle suit, it is now conceded that there is only one decent pattern for the lower portion of it, at least. This is a skirt of the conventional ankle length, but which may be divided or not at the back, as the wearer likes.

A short cutaway jacket, Eton or bolero, completes the suit, which, whether made of wool or a wash texture, is always handsome when showing striped seams.

THEY ARE NEAT AND INEXPENSIVE. August and September are the months New Yorkers usually set aside for outing joys so that this month commonly sees many stunning achievements in the way of costumes for out door life. This year the increasing interest of women in all beautiful outdoor sports has made the supply of these particular garments of phenomenal proportions.

In every shop, big and little, may be found neat inexpensive costumes for every phase of summer outdoor life, however reposeful or active it may be.

NAUTICAL FROCKS. There are stunning yachting gowns of white and colored flannel, with big sailor collars and nautical symbols, that can be had at a moment's notice at \$16. Other gowns on the same order, but even shorter than ankle-lengths and perhaps with short puff sleeves to give freedom to sturdy bare arms, are called boating dresses.

These are even cheaper than the yachting dresses, many of them selling as low as \$10 a suit.

FOR THE FIELD.

At the furnishing of sporting goods may be seen occasionally hunting costumes, for it is now quite the thing for smart women in the haunts of the woods to take to the killing of innocent little birds.

The fad for this sport was first formed



A CORRECT RIDING HABIT.

In Europe when a royal queen and ladies of noble birth set the fashion. Then one of the ladies of the Astor family caught the infection, and immediately of course American society began to hunt and costume itself appropriately for the sport.

At a well known fausse de modes was seen yesterday a charming hunting costume for one of New York's social leaders. The dame in question is described as pe-

tite and blonde, and of a slim grace that is world renowned.

The costume comprised a short skirt and loose double-breasted coat of green cravenette, with bands of tan leather. The skirt, which was unlined and grooved to fit like a riding habit across the hips and back, came just below the knees. Bloomers of the same material gathered to a yoke at the waist and full below the knee over an elastic, were to be worn underneath. Various patch pockets supplied places for odds and ends in the jacket, to which the loose back, short skirt and gilet sleeves gave a very modish and everyday look.

IN CLOTH AND LEATHER.

Another hunting costume with a sort of box coat as its upper garment, had a short skirt laid in big kill plaits.

This one was of tan waterproof cloth and like the first one it was accompanied by bloomers and a stitched Alpine hat of the same material.

With both of these rigs madams showed



YACHTING GOWN.

off some fetching adjuncts: solid belts of tan leather with all the little pockets for individual cartridges; two dainty bird bags of yellow chambray, one dashing pair of leggings. These and one dashing yellow leather, closed like a boot-top and just-on madame's shapely extremities, were found to wrinkle slightly but becomingly at the ankle, as with a riding boot.

Their leather was of extraordinary lightness and the space occupied, when they were rolled up, extremely small.

THEY NEVER KILL.

When asked if any of her hunting customers ever took to the machine style of dress so fashionable in France, madame shook her head.

"No. American women do not like to be conspicuous. Then so few hunt here, you know, but just make believe. They like the hunting costumes because they are coquettish and give them an excuse to have long, beautiful trunks out of doors. But as for killing anything," and madame's voice sank, "only one woman ever told me that she had ever killed anything, and that was a squirrel. I have never liked her since."

And with this benevolent pity for innocent victims the fashionable abettor of the murders went on to other things. But one was left with a sense of relief. They hunt, but they do not kill!

FOR CAMPING AND CLIMBING.

For mountain climbing, and sensible country walking, the skirts of all outing costumes are short and of a reasonable narrowness. Sometimes, though, the loose bloomers worn underneath will be varied by trim, snug knee breeches, and a buttoning of the skirt at one side



BLUE AND WHITE LINEN.

of the apron shows that on occasions these are meant to brave the light of day.

And with all due respect to madame and society, why not? In intimate gatherings and retired country spots knickerbockers and other breechy things come to be offenses. It is only in being found out as it were, that the sin comes in; and if one can only keep them very dark from the rest of the world—and he always squires by a male relative—one little pair of knickerbockers will give Arabian joys. Think of dropping skirts at one bolt—with only the birds and other sweet woody things to see! Such easy getting about, such climbing of trees and such hanging over perilous places! These are the rewards of naughty knickerbockers, which the skirt, however short, may never know.

But no bloomers, if you please. Spare the unoffending forest these horrors, for even the chipmunks and the bumble bee have their rights.

CORRECT MODELS.

A few illustrations shown will give other hints for outing costumes which are to be looked at.

A very pretty little frock of blue and white checked linen may be used for yachting, boating and walking. This is shown in the model with the blouse bodice, to which a Norfolk look is given by a trimming of coarse white linen. This, in bands, likewise appears at the bottom

and hip seams of the skirt, which is in the conventional shape, but without lining.

White sailor hat, with blue band, wash leather gloves, and blue canvas shoes with white kid trimmings.

The brown Holland cycle suit and hunting costumes have already been described.

Since the hot weather set in gaiters are not popular for cycling. If the high laced boots are not worn, the skirt is long enough to conceal the fact that there are only low shoes and silk stockings. For those who like them, however, there is a cycle stocking to imitate leggings, that sells for 75 cents per pair. These have a leather stitching and a row of buttons at the outside, and are usually in russet colors.

SHOES AND BAGS.

Other outing details include low shoes of light cafskin for country walking, soft ties in many colors and "outing



A JAUNTY HAT.

skirts"—much like the manly affair—of soft chevrot cottons, silk and light flannels.

The approved hot weather wheel shoe is a low affair of canvas with a rubber sole. These have kid trimmings, and want the color of the costume and tied with ribbons, on a small foot, they can be very fetching.

"Climbing cane" of stout wood, spiked with iron, is a new thing for mountain use, and some of the outing toilet bags are of completeness. They are made of leather, canvas or linen, often light and small enough to be carried slung over the shoulder and sometimes in a round shape like a music case.

Without this convenience and its civilizing instrument, the haunts of the dryads would lose their charm.

NINA FITCH.

TRUE SECRETS.

Every progressive housekeeper should know that bayberries sewed up in a cotton bag furnish the most effective means possible for cleaning ironing. Do not neglect to collect a good supply and make enough of these bags to carry you through the winter. There seems to be a peculiar property in the greasy excretions of the fruit that cleanses the irons as nothing else will.

This same lady will be glad to know also that a bunch of sweet peas is more efficacious in ridding a room of flies than yards of unsightly fly paper. A large centerpiece of these beautiful flowers absolutely guarantees your table from the depredations of the worst of household nuisances.

Most mothers have experienced great difficulty in trying to look into the throat of a child, and as the up-to-date physician insists that a child's throat be instantly examined at the slightest approach of indisposition, the following simple device will be found to be of the greatest value. Take a large silver spoon and hold it back of the child with the concave surface turned toward the light, and you will have an excellent reflection. This combination placed before the open mouth of a child will permit you to concentrate the luminous rays in the throat and ascertain its condition with absolute certainty.

COQUETTISH DUST CLOAKS.

The reason why I cannot tell, but this I know full well (I cannot continue to quote the old rhyme for it would not be applicable), every fashionable woman in Paris has purchased or ordered, within the last few days, a cache pouseuse, and the latest is called the "Manon," as it resembles the cloak worn by Manon Lescaut when she descended from the coach, but the "Manon" cloak now so popular is cut to fit the figure, instead of hanging from the neck as the numerous plaids. At the Grand Prix was worn a cloak pronounced stunning. It was composed of a light weight, soft coating, very simple, with an exceedingly wide cape and an equally large collar. It was lined with a rich tulle and was only trimmed with scallops of the cloth apparently buttoned down each side.

MISS CYCLETTE.

Brief-skirted and slender, She mounts for a ride, Brief-skirted and slender, She claims the surrender Of all at her side. Brief-skirted and slender, She mounts for a ride.

Oh, radiant creature! She wheels and she whirls; Till no one can reach her— Oh, radiant creature! In figure and feature She's goddess of girls— Oh, radiant creature! She wheels and she whirls.

There's no use denying She's captured my heart. She's set me to sighing— There's no use denying She did it by trying The bicycle art. There's no use denying She's captured my heart.

I'll ask her to marry Without more ado; No longer I'll tarry— I'll ask her to marry And try in a hurry A wheel built for two— I'll ask her to marry Without more ado.

WOMANLY CHIT-CHAT.

No matter what you wear so long as you look well in it, seems to be the dress rule of the season.

There is nothing more incongruous than a navy acc-trimmed gown topped off by a stiff linen collar.

To be pronounced smart nowadays is the highest compliment that can be paid to a woman's dress.

A match box and miniature case combined is the latest novelty intended for the dearest man in the world.

Judging by a recent picture of the Princess of Wales, the light, unbecoming coat sleeve has her approval.

The piazza brigade at summer hotels form the noble array of winter hostesses, therefore do not snub them.

The woman who has to study a code of handkerchief, parasol or fan flirtation is not worthy of the name.

It is to be regretted that earrings will be once again fashionable, as they spoil the ear and injure the health.



FOR THE MOUNTAINS.

ARABIA.

Across red sultry leaves of burning land An arid terror and the dread of man, Wearily crawl, through seas of blistering sand, The straggling groups of a great caravan.

With dates and doura from the Yemen's shore, It heaves the pitiless desert's fiercest heat. The thirsty camels totter faint and sore, The suffering bedouins dream of terms sweet.

The road is long and no refreshing palm Charms the incessant waste with verdant plumes; The duality tortures them, the awful calm, Angry hints of imminent simooms.

Mecca, the wonder, with its bright broad walls, Has been the goal that they will never reach, And every hot and savage ray that falls Is doomed their faded skeletons to bleach.

No more shall these poor wanderers be— The holy Caaba and the sacred shrine, Where, in a maze of marble and of gold, The prophet slumbers in his rest divine.

Nor shall their balsams, myrrh and precious, Be sold through Djedda's intricate bazaars. And none will hear the muezzin when he drones

The throng to mosque below Medianian stars. Shrieking to heedless Allah, sore afraid, By wafts of maddening, cruel heat s'er-pow-ered,

In graves of shifting sand they will be laid, By ravenous swarms of locusts be devoured.

While o'er their scorched and withered bodies, strewn, In disarray amid deserted tents, The irreproachable and callous moon Will rise in her serene magnificence.

MISS BEAUTIFUL LEAF.

Another daughter has been born to the emperor of Japan and he names her Yuki-Ko, which means "Beautiful Leaf." The emperor already has a number of daughters and is anxious to have a son. Only two sons have been born to him although he is blessed with nine wives. The first son died in infancy and the present prince imperial is in such poor health that he is not expected to live long enough to reach the throne.

MATRIMONY AND PATIENCE.

Matrimony and patience! It is not always a perfect combination, is it?

In South Africa the savage tribes have a peculiar ceremony which they put the matrimonial candidate through previous to his entering the holy state. His hands are tied up in a bag containing five and for two hours, if he bears unmoved the tortures of their stings he is considered qualified to cope with the nagging and daily jar and fret of married life. Such a man would make an admirable husband. He would not be upset by the thoughts of a spring bonnet, or grow irritable every time the steak was overdone. The idea of having a patience trial for those about to marry is one that civilized people might adopt.

TWO ARCHBISHOPS.

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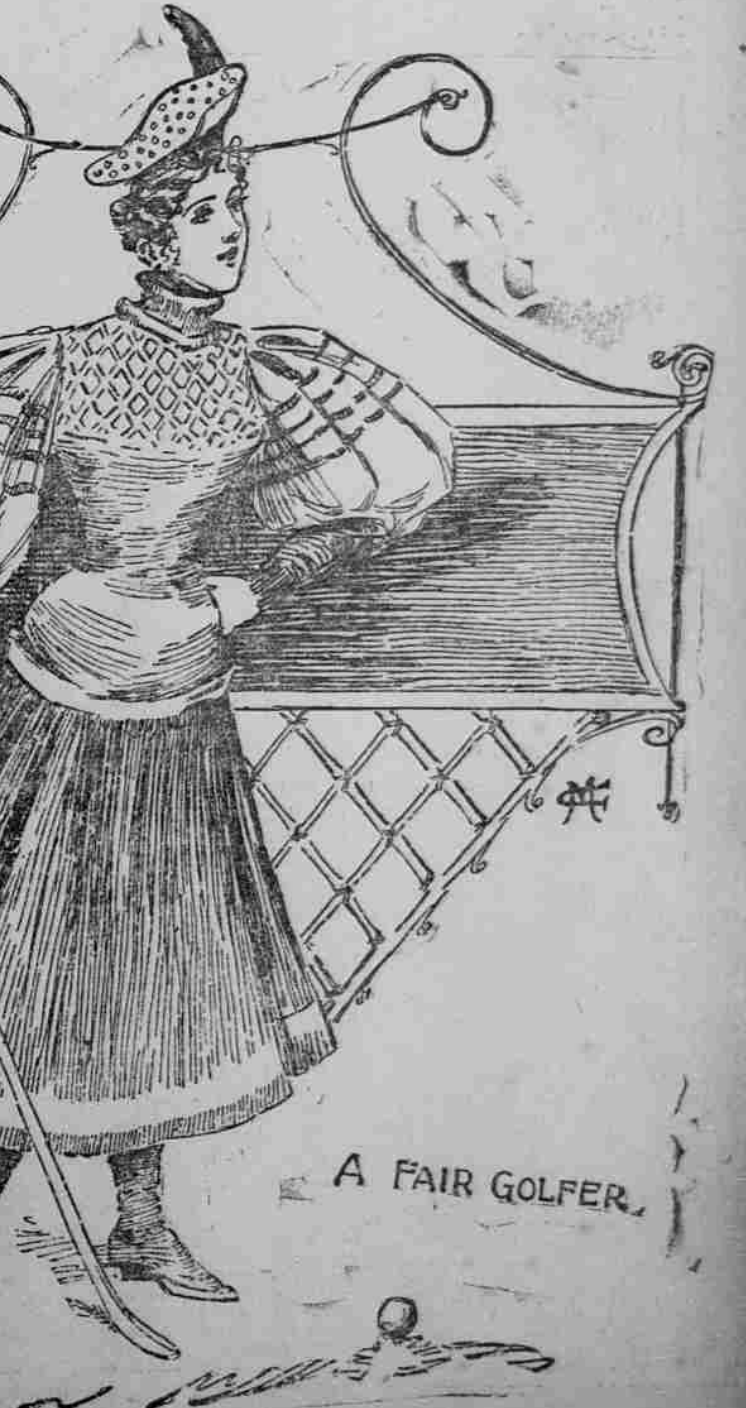
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